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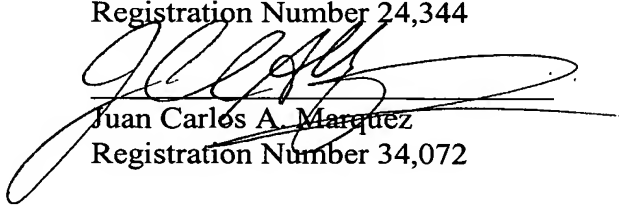
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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of February 18, 2004, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2004-042138.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2004-042138, is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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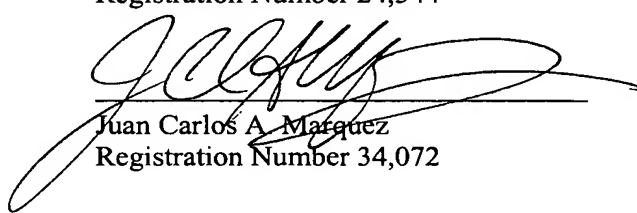
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